

## News Release

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### Madison and Marshfield students named AP State Scholars

MADISON — Students from the Madison Metropolitan and Marshfield school districts are Wisconsin's Advanced Placement (AP) State Scholars for 2014.

State Superintendent Tony Evers congratulated Neehal Shukla, a graduate of Marshfield High School, and Brian Luo, a student at Memorial High School in Madison, for their performance on AP exams. "Through the challenging coursework offered by the Advanced Placement program, students are exposed to the rigors of college while in high school. They learn to think critically, construct solid arguments, and look broadly at issues which are skills that are the foundation for success in college and careers," Evers said. "Congratulations to Neehal and Brian on your high school accomplishments in the AP program; best wishes in your postsecondary studies."

The College Board Advanced Placement Program recognizes the top male and female students in the 50 states and the District of Columbia each year for their performance on AP exams. Students are chosen for the award for having scores of three or higher on the greatest number of AP exams and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP exams they have taken. This is the 24th year that the organization has given State AP Scholar Awards.

The AP program offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses while in high school and to receive college credit, advanced standing, or both for successful performance on the end-of-course AP exams. Scores of three, four, or five on AP exams generally are considered worthy of credit at many colleges and universities worldwide. In 2014, 2.3 million high school students took nearly 4.2 million AP exams. Wisconsin students earned scores of three, four, or five on 68.1 percent of the 64,398 exams they took in May 2014, 9 percentage points higher than the national average.

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